

REMARKS

Claims 45-55, 66-73, 82-83, and 86 are pending in the present application, claims 57, 59, and 84 having been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present amendment is presented only to cancel claims 57, 59, and 84 to simplify the issues on appeal. The cancellation of these claims does not affect the scope of any other claim. Entry of amendment is therefore believed to be appropriate, and is respectfully requested. Early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

Respectfully submitted,

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